

MINUTES
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD
AUGUST 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Sam Adams at 8:33 a.m. Other board members present were Tom Welborn, Tracy Polite-Johnson, Craig Walker, Beth MacDonald, Dale Madden, Kenneth Townsend, Nick Bridgeman, and Tracie Hellwinckel.

Ex officio members present were David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering, Tom Simpson, State Forestry, Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry, and Ben Nanny, Ijams Nature Center.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved.

Action Items	Responsibility	Target Date
Urban Forestry Report	Kasey Krouse	08/03/17
Education Report	Nick Bridgeman	08/03/17
Trees Knoxville Report	Tom Welborn	08/03/17

City Update by Kasey Krouse

- 2017-2018 tree planting list is complete, and door hangers have been sent out to most communities on the list.
- Tree nursery visits will begin in August to pick out tree species.
- The fall Volunteer Forestry Program will begin on September 18, 2017, and will run for 4 weeks on Mondays from 6 until 9 p.m. The cost will be \$50 for attendees.
- Kasey reminded the Board about the TUFC meeting. The tree board session will be on October 5th at the Oak Ridge Arboretum.
- EAB update: Kasey has taken supervisors out to view some of the devastated areas. His hope to be able to get more financing to work on this problem.
- Tree inventory is completed and in the data base.

Education Committee Report by Nick Bridgeman

- Dale gave the following Arbor Day Report:
 - He has met the Sequoyah Elementary administration, and they are really excited about participating in the Arbor Day Celebration. There is a conflict with the planned time, so we will be working with them to modify the event, and hopefully increase participation.
 - Beth will be getting poster contest and program information out to Dale, and he will hand deliver the information to the Principal.
 - Tom Simpson will make his usual presentation(s). Tom will also try to arrange a visit from Smokey Bear.

Trees Knoxville Report by Tom Welborn

- Michael Pauley of KUB has been added to the Trees Knoxville Board of Directors.
- The TAEP grant for Trees Knox has been awarded.
- Tom met with the Knox County Watershed Program where they discussed several projects and grants.
- They will be having a downtown tree walk which is scheduled for August 16th beginning at 5:30. The walk will be led by Kasey Krouse, and will begin at the Crafty Bastard Brewery.
- On Monday, Tom will be visiting Historic Westwood on Kingston Pike to look at trees for potential Arboretum status.

Other Business

- Due to the TUFC meeting during the first week of October, the Board meeting has been rescheduled for October 12th at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.